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Orillia, Ont.

March 21, 1914.

Dr. Falconer,

President of Toronto University,

Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir,

It is a far cry from Canada to Judea. Nevertheless God is in both places, and at once. Strange but true. Nevertheless there are some that think that god can only have prophets in Juded. But it is not so. God is everywhere, and his prophets are everywhere also. But God speaks to them by different names. God in India is Brahma, or Vishnu or Siva, but in Canada God is Christ or Jesus, or Jehovah, as the case may be, or the fancy calls. To God all names are alike. But men in their folly fight about names, and kill one another sometimes. This god wishes to stop.

But how stop it? Where is wisdom of God to be found? The Christian worships Jesus as the Saviour, but the Mahomedans, and Hindus

need a Saviour from the Christians.
Hence God has called me, unworthy
as I am, to tell men about God.
God is the Creator of all,
and God is all. God is in all,
and all is in God. I am God.
But God needs interpreters, and
so I am interpreter for God. But
God speaks to me, and I write
to you, and so I am an amanuensis
for God. How many other ways
shall I put it? Or is that enough?
God would like His interpreters
to be in your University. Is that
possible? It is not the pay that
is required, although even prophets
must live, but the position. God
desires to speak to men. He can do
it best through the teachers. Hence
God tells me to write to you.
Are you prepared, or are you able
to arrange this? God knows there
are numerous difficulties. But God
knows that difficulties can be
smoothed away if the will is to do it.

I have written to the clergy concerning God. But note that Theology and Ethics are two sciences, but the clergy look on them as one. Hence they oppose God because they prefer the ethics of Jesus to those of other prophets, all this is foolishness. God desires the happiness of mankind. If Christian ethics promotes that happiness by all means retain it. But if Christians are unhappy, as God knows them to be, surely it is time to enquire the cause. The cause is not far to seek. They have forgotten God. They seek happiness in wealth, where it is not, instead of seeking to please God. They know nothing about God, not even how He speaks to men, although it is plain enough to anyone who will read the Bible intelligently. But instead of reading the Bible to gain a knowledge of God, they read it with their minds shut. A knowledge of God is not gained from fables.

But Christians prefer foolish stories to facts.

All this must be well known to you. What you may not know is that knowledge of God is available even today to those who seek for it, for God is ever ready to instruct anyone who desires knowledge.

But note. The prophets of God must be called by God by the Spirit of God, and may be tempted by the devil as Jesus was. Many of the prophets, who are called, mistake the devil for God, which is unfortunate, and may land them in a lunatic asylum. So ignorant are Christians concerning God that they are ready to obey any spirit speaking in the name of God. That is an error, and a very dangerous one. God tries His prophets, to see if they know good from evil, before He makes use of them.

Hoping this letter may receive your attention, and deepest consideration,

I am, yours truly

Robert L. Lockerill.

March 23rd, 1914

R. G. Cockerill, Esq.,

Orillia.

Dear Sir:

I have just received and carefully considered your letter of March 21. The request that you make for a position in the University it is I am afraid impossible to comply with. There is no position on the teaching staff of the University that I could offer you, and the outlet that you desire could hardly be attained in the class room of a University.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

CORONA MILLS

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April 1, 1914.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my previous letters, I do not desire a position in the University merely to teach Theology. Any other position would do equally well. The fact is God desires to give the Canadians a National Church. I have been called to work to this end. But God has a number of other things He desires to do at the same time. God does not often have prophets, and so likes to make use of them in a great number of ways when He has. Thus prophets usually teach Theology and Morals. But they can teach Science. Samuel taught music. Some of the prophets have taught dancing. Architecture is a favorite pursuit of theirs. Probably your studies of history will give you examples of other kinds of work performed by prophets, such as writing history and poetry. God desires me to do a little of

all these just to start the rising generation.

Yours truly

R. C. Lockerill.

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April 2nd, 1914

R. C. Cockerill, Esq.,

Orillia.

My dear Sir:

In answer to your last letter I must repeat what I said before that there is no position in the University such as would suit your special desires.

Yours sincerely,

President.